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ADVISORY

Approved Devices

The Medical Services Committee, EMCAB Executive Board, and the MA DPH-Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) have approved the use of the following equipment as an **option** to those licensed ambulance services operating in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The specific examples of equipment chosen must be FDA approved, and shall be used in a manner consistent with labeling and approval.

The use of these devices require that each ambulance service train and attest to competency of their personnel with the specific equipment.

A QA/QI system **must** be in place at the service in order to collect the necessary data in order to utilize this equipment.

Maintenance of training and QA/QI records are the responsibility of the ambulance service and these records must be supplied to the Department upon request.

The equipment must be approved by the FDA and the Department and each ambulance service is expected to utilize the devices as approved.

- 1. Impedance Threshold Device
- 2. Co-Oximeter (Carbon Monoxide Detection unit)
- 3. IV Power Injector
- 4. Pedi- IO Device (Drill Type)